



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia recognizes the importance of identifying cyber threats and protecting our citizens. It is especially important that we respond effectively to cyber threats that may have a significant impact on our collective security or compromise the privacy of individuals, businesses, or institutions; and
- WHEREAS: Critical infrastructure sectors increasingly rely on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and
- WHEREAS: The Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign is a national effort coordinated by a coalition of private companies, academic institutions, nonprofits, and government organizations to raise awareness about cyber security and encourage citizens to implement safety and security measures when using online resources; and
- WHEREAS: The National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Critical Infrastructure Cyber Community Voluntary Program are free resources designed to help organizations of all kinds improve their cyber security practices by addressing evolving threats and challenges; and
- WHEREAS: Maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each user plays a critical role, and awareness of cyber security essentials will help to better protect our state's information, infrastructure, and economy; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia Cyber Center aims to strengthen cyber defenses and combat the growing number and complexity of cyberattacks, while also meeting the increasing need for cyber security talent in the workforce. This \$100 million, first-of-its-kind collaborative cyber security center is the single largest investment in a cyber security facility by a state government to-date; and
- WHEREAS: The President of the United States of America, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, the Council on Cyber Security, and the National Cyber Security Alliance join together to recognize October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS: During this month, businesses, agencies, and individuals are encouraged to visit the Georgia Technology Authority Office of Information Security's Cyber Security Awareness website (<https://gta.georgia.gov/cyber-security-awareness-main-page>) and the Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign website ([www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect](http://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect) or [www.stopthinkconnect.org](http://www.stopthinkconnect.org)) to learn about cyber security and how to put this knowledge into practice; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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